

ACRY
FOR
JUSTICE

M.E.M.'s LOCAL CHURCH
OUTREACH PROJECT
1990-92

JUSTICE ALL CHURCH ASSEMBLY

ST. BENEDICT'S PREP- ST. MARY'S CHURCH
ML King Blvd., Newark

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1990

6:00 p.m. Registration and Coffee

7:00 p.m. OPENING DINNER

Guest Speaker: Prof. Richard Roper: "New Justice Moves in New Jersey"

Distinguished Panelists/Respondents:

Ronald Stief- Center for Ethics and Social Policy- Berkeley.

Mrs. Sydney Brown- Co-Author- Cry for Justice (Invited)

Prof. Kenneth Aman- Roman Catholic initiatives.

Stephen St. Hilaire- Housing Needs

9:00 p.m. Informal reception for delegates.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1990

8:45-9:30 a.m. Late registration and Coffee

9:30-11:00 a.m. Opening Plenary of the Assembly

Worship- Lin Powell in charge (Very brief)- Music by delegates singing.

Keynote Speaker- M. Lois Gibbs (Invited and accepted) ECO JUSTICE

Panel of Questions

(Church leaders: Donald Clark George Younger

Arnold Cohen

Elizabeth/Kim Jefferson

Madelyn Hoffmann

11:15- 12:15- Small discussion groups

How local churches can take back justice message to their churches.

12:30 p.m. Luncheon ..Speaker: Dr. Benjamin Chavis- Commission for Racial Justice
Sub- Larry Hamm

2:00 p.m. Second Plenary- Dr. Robert McAfee Brown- Pacific School of Religion
Author, former President of Union Theological Seminary

Topic: "Making Justice work in Local and National Church Settings"

Question Period

3:30 p.m. Workshops- How to make justice work come alive in local settings.
Leaders chosen carefully from best leaders in county.

Coffee Break.

5:00- Closing Plenary- action resolutions for MEM and local church justice issues.

Presiding- Stephen Jones- assisted by Bishop Joseph Francis

EXHIBITS- In Charge- Donald Clark Including Book tables from Paulist Press, etc.

Study materials for Local churches- out for purchase by delegates.

LEADERSHIP TABLE:

"CRY for JUSTICE" Planning Committee:

Chair: Rev. Kenneth Simurro- St. John's Lutheran Church, Newark

Members: Prof. Kenneth Aman- Archdiocesan Peace and Justice Commission
M. Otelia Daring- Trinity Cathedral, Newark
F. Luke Edelen- St. Mary's Church, Newark
William Brach- Montclair Unitarian Church
Steven Clarke- Housing the Homeless and Unitarian
Ellen Greenfield- Right to Housing Editor- Jewish community (Maplewood)
Elizabeth Huberman- Roman Catholic-Oranges
Rev. Glen Hatfield- Peddie Memorial Baptist Church, Newark
M. Martha Jewett- MEM Board- Montclair Unitarian
Elizabeth Jefferson- First Methodist Church, Montclair
Rev. Langston Miles- Church at the Crossroads, E. Orange
M. Zella Pollack- MEM Board, Morristown Unitarian
Rev. Lin Powell- Wolff Presbyterian/Trinity Reformed
Reps. from Perpetual Help and St. Mary's (2 from religious orders)
Canon Horace Ward- Trinity Cathedral, Newark
Nancy Zak (assisting staff)
Donald Clarke- United Church of Christ
Esther Brome- MEM Board, AME Zion
David Weiner- CWA- Jewish communities.

Working Groups to be recruited from larger pool.

A. JUSTICE ASSEMBLY Committee: Brach, Clarke, Huberman, Jefferson, Ward, Hatfield, Edelen

6-8 members with administrative, design skills

Tasks: 1. Obtain speakers and workshop leaders.

2. Raise extra support for brochures (Weiner) and conference costs.

3. Meet regularly to involve church delegates in project design

4. Assist in all mailings and publicity materials.

B. LOCAL CHURCH OUTREACH COMMITTEE: (Daring, Jewett, Clark, Simurro, Miles, Jones (Ex. Off.))

1. In charge of all recruitment of church delegates.

2. Arrange visits to local churches.

3. Design and mail out letters to churches (perhaps monthly Sept./Oct/Nov.

4. Plan preparatory materials for assembly.

C. LEADERSHIP TRAINING COMMITTEE: (5 Key members: Zak, Pollack, Powell, Simurro, Aman)

1. Plan fall leadership series (repeat of 4 part series.)

2. Recruit delegates from 50 churches to take training.

3. Work with project Director in enlisting resources for training.

Our Goal by Oct. 1- is to have the names of the church delegates selected

Nov. 10- All delegates receive preparatory materials, take training.